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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

10 KEITH DOUGHERTY,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. C12-168 JLR

ORDER ON REQUEST TO
REASSIGN CASE BACK TO JUDGE
RICHARD JONES OR ANOTHER
FEDERAL JUDGE

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16 On April 20, 2012, Plaintiff filed a "Request to Transfer Case to Federal Magistrate
17 Judge." Dkt. No. 26. When Judge Robart declined to recuse himself, that request was referred
18 to this Court and it was denied. Dkt. No. 38.

19 Within hours after his request was denied, Plaintiff filed a "Request to Reassign Case
20 back to Judge Richard Jones or another Federal Judge." Dkt. No. 39. Judge Robart chose to
21 treat the pleading as a motion for reconsideration of the previous denial and referred the matter
22 back to this Court for review. Dkt. No. 41.
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Motions for reconsideration are disfavored. The court will ordinarily deny such motions in the absence of a showing of manifest error in the prior ruling or a showing of new facts or legal authority which could not have been brought to its attention earlier with reasonable diligence.

CR 7(h). Plaintiff's latest pleading fails to establish that this Court's previous ruling was the result of a manifest error. Nor does Plaintiff introduce new facts or law that he claims were unavailable to him when he originally moved for Judge Robart's recusal.

The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to Plaintiff and all counsel.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2012.

Marsha J. Pechman
Chief United States District Judge